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THE AFGHAN SITUATION

- I. Afghan mobilization probably part of political chess game.
 - A. Kabul radio broadcast of 4 May, proclaiming state of emergency and ordering mobilization of armed forces.
 1. Affects 42,000 army, probably 20,000 gendarmerie, insignificant airforce.
 2. Includes call-up of 3 reserve classes.
 - a. Alert of three classes, supposedly 80,000 men, first reported in mid-April.
 - b. G-2 estimates Afghanistan can mobilize only about 28,000 men by M plus 30.
 - c. Afghan armed forces utterly incapable of successfully attacking Pakistan or resisting Pakistan attack.

3. Afghan charges

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B. Mobilization probably a political move,

not foreshadowing war with Pakistan.

1. Believed routine measure to save face, indicate no weakening under Pak pressure.
2. Does not necessarily indicate direction of Afghan thinking re ousting of Daud government. Merely suggests situation rapidly approaching showdown.
3. Possible that Afghan maneuver will be to oust Daud but declare continued belief of government in Pushtoonistan principle.

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